

***We are all in ministry together!  
As the Nebraska Synod and the ELCA,  
we walk together and support one another.  
Some of the ways that you can support ministry  
in Nebraska and throughout the world  
by giving or financial support include:***



**Mission Share:** Mission Share is how every congregation does ministry that spans the globe. Mission Share is a congregation's undesignated offering that is shared with the Nebraska Synod and the larger ELCA. It is through congregational and individual support of mission share that the Synod and larger ELCA can: plant and support new and renewing congregations; develop and share new resources; send missionaries around the whole world; support the work of seminaries in raising up new pastors and leaders; respond to human need through hunger and disaster ministries; and so much more.

Those who wish to support ministry in addition to their Mission Share gifts may consider:

**Annual Fund:** As we continue to build a culture of philanthropy within the Nebraska Synod, our desire is to motivate donors by mission rather than cause. Gifts to the fund will go for general support, not specific areas of ministry. This means we can use these dollars where they are needed most at that moment, allowing us to meet immediate opportunities as well as fund new ministries as needed.

**Endowment Campaign:** An endowment is a pool of funds which is then invested, and provides ongoing income to an organization in perpetuity. An endowment helps diversify an organization's income. This allows for continuation of the mission and vision. We are seeking major gifts from our current donors and utilizing a public campaign to double the endowment fund by the end of 2017 and then continue to seek current and planned gifts over a ten-year period.

**Other Target Opportunities:**

- *Mission Field Nebraska* (the focus of the 2017 Synod Assembly offering): donor support is vital to the work of our Mission Field Nebraska ministries. Gifts to this fund support specific ministries of outreach to the growing mission field that is Nebraska, including: All the Children of God, Seeking the Spirit Within, Table Grace Café, The Welcome Center, Followers of Christ Ministry, Fontenelle Community Church, Igelsia Luterana San Andres, Lakota Lutheran Center, Spirit of Grace Church, Sudanese Outreach Ministry and United Asian Ministry.
- *Candidacy Loan and Grant Fund:* loans and grants for students in seminary to help defray the high cost of securing a degree and becoming a pastor.
- *Seminary Debt Reduction Fund:* grants for those at any stage of ministry to decrease financial burden that can limit leaders' potential.

Gifts can be made to these ministries by way of cash, online payments, stocks/bonds, bequests/estate gifts, gifts of land, designations from trusts and charitable contributions from an IRA.

Please send gifts to: Nebraska Synod, 6757 Newport Ave., Suite 200, Omaha NE. 68152.  
Donations can also be made on-line at [www.nebraskasynod.org](http://www.nebraskasynod.org) Just click on the **GIVE NOW** button!

**Thank you for considering a gift that will change lives in Nebraska and across the world,  
through your support of the Nebraska Synod and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America!**